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SUBJECT: FRENCH CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

1. MINISTER-COUNSELOR BOYER OF FRENCH EMBASSY CALLED AT
HIS REQUEST JANUARY 17 ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BAKER TO PRESENT NOTE ANNOUNCING FRENCH CANDIDACY FOR
ELECTION TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) WHEN
ELECTIONS ARE HELD AT 62ND ECOSOC NEXT APRIL-MAY. BOYER
RECALLED THAT, IN SPITE OF THE TRADITION THAT SECURITY
COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS SERVE ON UN ELECTIVE BODIES
SUCH AS THE HRC, FRANCE HAD NOT BEEN RE-ELECTED AT THE
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60TH ECOSOC ELECTIONS HELD LAST YEAR. BOYER NOTED THAT
FRANCE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE
BEGINNING, THAT FRANCE SHOWS A GREAT INTEREST IN THE WORK
OF THE COMMISSION AND THEREFORE REQUESTS U.S. SUPPORT
FOR ITS ELECTION.

2. DEPT OFFICER RECALLED THAT FAILURE OF FRANCE TO BE

RE-ELECTED WAS DUE PRINCIPALLY TO THREE WEO CANDIDACIES (SWEDEN, AUSTRIA AND FRANCE) FOR TWO WEO VACANCIES ON HRC AT 60TH ECOSOC ELECTIONS. NOTING THAT AT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT 62ND ECOSOC THERE WILL BE THREE WEO VACANCIES (USA, FRG AND ITALY), DEPT OFFICER QUERIED WHETHER FRENCH

HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT ANY OF THE PRESENT INCUMBENTS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 1977 WILL NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION. BOYER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THIS SCORE AND, IN RESPONSE TO OUR FURTHER QUERY, STATED THAT HE PRESUMED THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE EC-9. HE NOTED HE WAS NOT CONFIDENT THAT ANY GOVERNMENT WOULD WITHDRAW AND THAT THERE WOULD LIKELY BE A SITUATION ONCE AGAIN OF TOO MANY CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE UPCOMING VACANCIES.

3. BAKER STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A WEO SLATE FOR THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE THREE VACANCIES. HE PROMISED THAT DEPT WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO FRENCH CANDIDACY AND THAT WE WOULD INFORM THEM OF OUR POSITION AT A LATER DATE.
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